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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT

REFS: PARIS 15089; BRUSSELS 5959

1. ACCORDING TO LEON-LOUIS WEILL, HEAD OF FRENCH UNION OF TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, THE INDUSTRY DOES NOT APPOSE RENEWAL OF MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT AS SUCH, BUT PRINCIPAL FRENCH PROBLEM, AND HE SAYS REALLY AN EC PROBLEM, IS LARGE AND INCREASING VOLUME OF IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES WITH PRIVILEGED ACCESS TO COMMUNITY MARKET, E.G. LOME CONVENTION COUNTRIES, MAGHREB COUNTRIES, ETC. HE THINKS THE ONLY REMEDY AVAILABLE TO FRANCE TO MEET URGENT PROBLEM IS RECOURSE TO GATT ARTICLE XIX. IT DOES NOT TROUBLE THE INDUSTRY THAT A VIOLATION OF THE ROME TREATY OR OF ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT MAY BE REQUIRED. WEILL CLAIMS TO HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPORT OF TRADE MINISTER ROSSI FOR AT LEAST
"SURVEILLANCE ACTION." IT SEEMS TO EMBASSY THAT WHAT
IS PROBABLY ENVISAGED IS THE USUAL TECHNICAL OR
ADMINISTRATIVE VISA TECHNIQUE WHICH LENDS ITSELF TO
DISCRIMINATORY REGULATION OF THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.
ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE THE TECHNICAL
SERVICES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON GOF POLICY, BUT

## RELEVANT MINISTERS HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED IT.

2. MR. WEILL WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS BEGINNING JUNE 19 TO ATTEND A MEETING AT HOT SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY. THE HEADS OF ALL THE EC MEMBER STATE TEXTILE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS WILL ATTEND AS WELL AS MR. SANTENES, PRESIDENT OF THE EC TEXTILE COMMITTEE. WE UNDERSTAND THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON IS ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE VISITING TEAM WITH STATE, COMMERCE, AND STR OFFICIALS. GIVEN THE CURRENT IMPASSE ON MFA RENEWAL, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ RECEIVE WEILL AND POSSIBLY OTHERS OF THE GROUP JUNE 21 IN THE AFTERNOON OR JUNE 27 IN THE MORNING TO OBTAIN A DIRECT EXPOSITION OF THE EUROPEAN INDUSTRY VIEWPOINT CONCERNING MFA. **GAMMON** 

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